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# Rejuvenated Y at heart of Burrard tower

## PATINA

**DEVELOPER:** Concert Properties

**PRICE:** Starting at \$375,000

**SIZE:** 550 sq. ft. to over 3,200 sq. ft.

**SALES CENTRE:** The Burrard Building at Alberni and Burrard, Vancouver

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Concert Properties has teamed up with the downtown YMCA to design a \$250-million development which includes a restoration of the heritage site, renovations of the YMCA facilities and the addition of Patina, a 42-storey condominium tower.

Rod Wilburn, the senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Patina, sees the development as an opportunity for home buyers to enjoy a heritage neighbourhood in the heart of downtown Vancouver.

"Patina is situated at the true centre of Vancouver's downtown peninsula and offers both the serenity of the vintage neighbourhood of the West End and the sophistication of a cosmopolitan downtown," he says.

The YMCA will receive an external facelift for its heritage brick façade. The 95,000 sq. ft. facility will have a new indoor pool with a moveable floor, gymnasium, weight room, classrooms, daycare centre and a six-storey atrium. The YMCA will reopen in 2009.

Completion for Patina is set for 2011 and residents of the 256 units will have access to their own fitness facility (and city-view garden terrace) on the tower's eighth floor.

The idea behind Patina's design is classic urban sophistication, says Mr. Wilburn. The suites have seven-foot walnut entry doors, over-height ceilings, heated porcelain tile flooring and open concept kitchens with Miele and Liebherr appliances.

"Rising 42 storeys in the centre of downtown, Patina is situated for extraordinary panoramic views of the city, sea and mountains," says Mr. Wilburn.



An artist's rendering of Patina. The project will include an overhaul of the old YMCA.